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September 2, 2005

Mr. Gene K. Fong
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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Council of Fresno County of Governments' (COFCG) 2004/05-2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	State Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs a State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) project (PPNO: 1875) in Fresno County. The amendment programs a total of \$661,000 for the right of way phase in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06 for the roadway rehabilitation project on the State Route 180. See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 8 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The changes being proposed to FTIP by this amendment have been found by COFCG to not require a conformity analysis or determination. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. This project is included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. COFCG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross A. Chittenden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Barbara Goodwin - Council of Fresno County of Governments
Renee Devere - Council of Fresno County of Governments
Rachel Falsetti- Caltrans
Abhijit Bagde – Caltrans